

These military operations have been carefully planned to accomplish our goals with the minimum loss of life among coalition military forces and to innocent civilians. It is not possible to know at this time either the duration of active combat operations or the scope or duration of the deployment of U.S. Armed Forces necessary to accomplish our goals fully.

As we continue our united efforts to disarm Iraq in pursuit of peace, stability, and security both in the Gulf region and in the United States, I look forward to our continued consultation and cooperation.

Sincerely,

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Ted Stevens, President pro tempore of the Senate. An original was not available for verification of the content of this letter.

**Message to the Congress  
Transmitting a Report on the  
National Emergency With Respect to  
Persons Who Commit, Threaten To  
Commit, or Support Terrorism**

*March 21, 2003*

*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith the 6-month periodic report prepared by my Administration on the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism that was declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001.

**George W. Bush**

The White House,  
March 21, 2003.

NOTE: An original was not available for verification of the content of this message.

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**Digest of Other  
White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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**March 15**

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy and Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to discuss the situation in Iraq.

Also in the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

**March 16**

In the morning, the President traveled to Lajes Field Air Force Base in the Azores, Portugal, where, in the evening, he had dinner with Prime Minister Jose Manuel Durao Barroso of Portugal, President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain, and Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister John Howard of Australia and Secretary of State Colin Powell.

**March 17**

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom, President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain, and King Juan Carlos of Spain to discuss the situation in Iraq.

Also in the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council and Secretary of State Colin Powell.

In the afternoon, the President had a telephone conversation with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to discuss possible military action against Iraq.

In the evening, in the Roosevelt Room, the President met with members of Congress to discuss the situation in Iraq.

**March 18**

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Putin of Russia to discuss the situation in Iraq, Russia-U.S. relations, and President Putin's invitation to President Bush to visit St. Petersburg, Russia, in May. Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hu Jintao of China to congratulate him on taking office on March 15 and to discuss China-U.S. relations, the situations in Iraq and North Korea, and the President's commitment to a one-China policy.

Later in the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

**March 19**

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to discuss possible military action against Iraq and peace efforts in the Middle East. He then had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, he met with the National Security Council in the Situation Room and then met with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge and Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York City to discuss antiterrorism measures in New York City.

In the afternoon, the President met with Central Intelligence Agency Director George Tenet to discuss possible military action against Iraq. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of State Colin Powell, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF, to discuss possible military action against Iraq.

In the evening, the President met with speechwriter Michael Gerson to discuss his address to the nation later that evening. Later, he had dinner with Mrs. Bush in the Residence. He then had a telephone conversation with White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card to discuss possible military action against Iraq.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Paul Biya of Cameroon to the White House on March 20 to discuss bilateral relations, regional issues, trade and development efforts, and combating HIV/AIDS.

**March 20**

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice to discuss military action against Iraq, which commenced the previous evening. Then, in the Oval Office, he had intelligence and FBI briefings. He also met with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

Later in the morning, the President met in the Oval Office with Vice President Dick Cheney, CIA Director George Tenet, and White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card to discuss military action against Iraq.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, Amir Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani of Qatar, and King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa of Bahrain to discuss military action against Iraq.

In the evening, in the Oval Office, the President had a meeting and dinner with President Paul Biya of Cameroon.

The President announced his intention to nominate Frank Libutti to be Under Secretary for Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to nominate John E. Buchanan to be a member of the National Museum Services Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint William Batoff as a member of the Advisory Committee to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (Public).

The President declared an emergency in Delaware and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record/near record snow on February 14–19.

The President declared a major disaster in Tennessee and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in

the area struck by severe storms and flooding on February 14–26.

The President declared an emergency in New Jersey and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record/near record snow on February 16–17.

### **March 21**

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council. He also met with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Speaker of the House of Representatives J. Dennis Hastert, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle.

In the afternoon, the President went to Camp David, MD.

The President announced his intention to nominate Karen P. Tandy to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to appoint Robert Bruce Korver as a member of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee (international sales expert).

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Commission on Drug-Free Communities: Judith A. Cushing (State organization); Arthur Dean (national organization); Dennis Griffith (national organization); Patricia J. Kempthorne (public); Charles W. Larson, Jr. (State organization); Ronald Luce (public); Flor Santalo-Sherbahn (State organization); Peggy Sapp (national organization); and Loretta M. Wenger (national organization).

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### **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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### **Submitted March 19**

Eric M. Javits,  
of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Pamela J. H. Slutz,  
of Texas, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Mongolia.

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### **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

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### **Released March 16**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

### **Released March 18**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

### **Released March 19**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Transcript of a statement in the James S. Brady Briefing Room by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary: Meeting With Cameroonian President Paul Biya

### **Released March 20**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Delaware

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to New Jersey

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Tennessee